

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) and U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) today announced that Building #3 at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in Rome, NY, will be formally named the "Sherwood Boehlert Center of Excellence for Information Science and Technology," during a formal ceremony hosted by the U.S. Air Force on Monday, September 15th.

"Sherry Boehlert fought aggressively on behalf of our local defense facilities throughout his entire career," **Arcuri said**. "Naming this building after Sherry is a testament to his character and work ethic. I'm honored to have worked with Senator Clinton, to pay tribute to Sherry for his efforts to improve, expand and promote Rome Lab's presence within the Air Force and throughout Upstate New York."

"Sherry Boehlert is a good friend, a cherished colleague, and was a true leader in our fight to help protect AFRL Rome during the BRAC process in 2005," **said Senator Clinton**. "Naming this building in Sherry's honor is a fitting tribute to a man who is not only responsible for helping to keep this facility open, but who has also worked to build a strong partnership between the Air Force and AFRL Rome. I am grateful to have been able join Congressman Arcuri in recognizing Sherry's efforts to promote the success of this facility and its importance to the region and the State."

Arcuri and Clinton secured the necessary legislative language to name Building #3 after Former Congressman Boehlert in the fiscal year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act.

One of Boehlert's strongest accomplishments during his time in office includes securing the necessary federal resources to construct Building #3 at AFRL Rome. Boehlert fought aggressively on behalf of AFRL Rome and other local federal defense facilities during three Base Realignment and Closure Commissions, helping secure substantial employment gains for the region. Boehlert also frequently showcased AFRL Rome to high-ranking federal officials, including secretaries of federal agencies and other key decisions makers.

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